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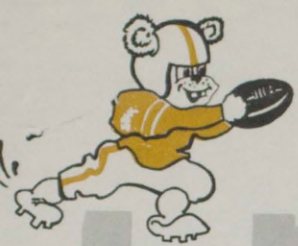
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MISSOULA--

The eighth obstacle on the Grizzly path to a perfect season is an aerial minded Portland State Viking football team that in five straight contests with the University of Montana has not proved to be much of a road block.

Montana has a perfect record (5-0) against Portland State and in the five games since the series started in 1965 the Grizzlies have allowed the Vikings only 28 points while tallying 205.

The series record and point spread is impressive for Montana and so are the 1970 Vikings from the Portland side.

Portland State happens to be the number one College Division passing team in the nation according to statistics released by the NCAA on Oct. 23. The Vikings also have the number one offensive player and passer in the country in Tim Von Dulm and the nation's fourth best receiver in Bob Mickles.

What this points to is a homecoming game in Missoula between a solid physical University of Montana team and a much improved Portland State team capable of blowing any team off the field.

Montana looked impressive last week dumping South Dakota 35-7 and holding Steve Pelot, then the nation's number one scorer and number three rusher, to 64 yards. Pelot's rushing total was 142 yards per game before the Grizzlies invaded Vermillion.

Portland State also looked impressive in a 17-16 loss to the University of Idaho Vandals in Pullman. More impressive than the Idaho loss was the 46-14 win over Weber three weeks ago which proved Portland State could play with the best of the Big Sky teams.

The Viking ascent to Big Sky caliber football started with the hiring of Coach Don Read three years ago. Read has done his homework and Viking football shows that someone worked hard to improve its caliber.

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Portland State served notice to Big Sky schools last year beating Montana State 22-6 in the season's opener in Billings. This fall the Vikings have proved that beating Montana State was no accident.

Read has developed Von Dulm into one of the top quarterbacks in the country and has helped the senior from Granada Hills, Calif. master the passing game. Montana coach Jack Swarthout said that Von Dulm is probably the greatest short passer in America.

Von Dulm is deadly accurate and his statistics prove it. He has a 54 per cent completion average and has had only eleven intercepted in 278 attempts. He has completed 150 for 1858 yards and 16 touchdowns.

Swarthout said that with Von Dulm passing, a team has to respect all areas. "We'll have to have a strong rush from our front four and cover the short patterns with our linebackers."

Swarthout noted two differences in Von Dulm's passing this year. The Portland quarterback has a host of fine receivers in Bob Mickles, 41-683 yards; Jay Mann, 37-335 yards; Kurt Heinze, 32-333 yards and Charlie Stoudamire, 22-331 yards; whereas last year he had only one favorite target in Randy Nelson. Mickles was Nelson's backup in 1969.

The second factor that makes Von Dulm a better passer is the Portland State defense is giving the Vikings better field position and more of a cushion in the scoring column. "Simply, Portland State is no longer playing catch-up football," Swarthout said.

Middle linebacker Phil Oliver is the leader of the improved Portland State defense and will have his work cut out for him against a strong and big blocking team, Montana.

Montana, on the other hand, is one of the most complete football teams in the Northwest. The Texas Y poses more problems than defensive specialists seem to have answers for at the moment, and the rugged veteran 4-3 defense of the Grizzly is punishing.

Portland State will have several fine backs to contend with including the league's leading rusher, Arnie Blancas with 694 yards; Wally Gaskins, 433 yards; Steve Caputo, 424 yards; Les Kent, 337 yards and quarterback Gary Berding, 225 yards. All except Berding have gained more yardage on the ground than the Viking's leading rusher, Charlie Stoudamire, 298 yards.